



City of Rowlett

Special Work Session Minutes

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City Council Planning and Zoning Commission

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Saturday, July 28, 2012

7:45 A.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Council Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Kilgore

Council Absent: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops

Commission Present: Chairman Sheffield, Vice-Chairman Landry, Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Jeffers, Commissioner Peebles, Commissioner Charles and Alternate Commissioner Tune

Commission Absent: Commissioner Crawley and Alternate Commissioner Meyer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **WORK SESSION**

2A. Tour of Various Developments in the Metroplex (by bus to return to City Hall Building by 7:30 p.m.).

Began boarding the bus at 7:50 a.m. and departed Rowlett City Hall at 8:06 a.m.

1st Destination: Drive through Rowlett Townhome Community, 9931 Waterfront Trail, Rowlett, TX (8:19 a.m. – 8:23 a.m.)

At this destination, it was noted how the townhome community integrated nicely with the surround homes in the neighborhood.

2nd Destination: Downtown Plano Tour, 1520 Avenue K., Plano, TX (8:44 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.)

The second destination walking tour was led by Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager for the City of Plano. Mr. Turner spoke regarding on-street parking and parking garages; the use of balconies; noise comparisons between street and DART train traffic; crime statistics, the placement of the street lamps; the open space; and the use of housing and business flex space.

3rd Destination: Lunch at Comfort Inn and Suites and Presentation, 643 NE Loop 820, Richland Hills, TX (11:14 a.m. – 1:22 p.m.)

Bill Gietema, co-founder and CEO of Arcadia Realty, presented a PowerPoint which discussed different housing types and the sustainability of those homes; controlling traffic speed; and showed how conventional development does not work properly.

4th Destination: Hometown North Richland Hills Tour, 9015 Grand Avenue, North Richland Hills, TX (1:45 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.)

The fourth destination was a walking/bus tour led by Mr. Gietema. Spoke regarding the mixture of housing types and sizes; the use of capped blocks; the importance of facing homes onto open space; streetscapes; the width of the residential streets; useable porches; the elevation of the homes above grade; the fencing; and the use of mews.

5th Destination: Downtown Grapevine Tour, 413 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX (3:44 p.m. – 4:06 p.m.*)

The fifth destination was led by Bruno Rumbelow, City Manager for the City of Grapevine. Mr. Rumbelow spoke concerning the need for Downtown Grapevine to be walk able; the reuse of historic buildings; the need for open space; the use of parking lots; and the partnership between the City of Grapevine and the Historical Downtown Grapevine Association.


6th Destination: Walking Tour of Shops at Legacy, 7200 Bishop Road, Plano, TX) (4:40 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.)

The final destination of the tour was held at the Shops at Legacy. Members of the tour were allowed to tour the Shops at Legacy on their own or they could tour with the consultant team consisting of: Dennis Wilson of Townscapes, Inc., Mark Bowers of Hellmuth Obata Kassabaum LP, and Ann Ricker and Bill Cunningham with Ricker Cunningham. While touring with the consultants, discussion focused on parking garages, balconies and pedestrian passages.

7th Destination: Dinner at Sambuca 360, 7200 Bishop Road, Suite #270, Plano, TX (5:15 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) (Sponsored by the Law Firm of Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith, L.L.P)

The bus arrived at Rowlett City Hall at 7:56 p.m.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor

Stacey Chadwick, Interim City Secretary

Date Approved: August 7, 2012